

Article - Alcoholic Beverages

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§24–204.

(a) The Board:

- (1) shall employ one full–time inspector; and
- (2) may employ one additional part–time or full–time inspector.

(b) An individual may not qualify or continue service as an inspector if the inspector or any member of the inspector’s immediate family has a personal or financial interest, directly or indirectly, in a license, license holder, or premises licensed under this article.

(c) An inspector shall:

- (1) investigate all applicants for a license or transfer of license;
- (2) inspect at unannounced times every licensed premises in the county at least once every 90 days;
- (3) enforce all alcoholic beverages laws with the same power as a law enforcement officer of the State;
- (4) investigate all violations of the alcoholic beverages laws and report them to the Board; and
- (5) submit monthly reports in writing to the Board of the inspector’s activities, setting forth complaints and listing violations that the inspector observed or were reported to the inspector.

(d) An inspector shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.

(e) (1) Each inspector is entitled to compensation and reimbursement for travel expenses.

(2) The Board shall set the rate for reimbursement of travel expenses.

(3) The Board of County Commissioners shall:

(i) set the compensation; and

(ii) pay for the compensation and travel expenses.

(f) (1) An inspector may be removed only for cause involving dishonesty, incompetence, or immoral conduct while in the performance of duty.

(2) Before an inspector may be removed, the Board, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, shall give the inspector:

(i) written notice of all pending charges; and

(ii) an opportunity to reply in a public hearing before the Board in person or by counsel.

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